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## IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

The present invention relates to a liquid crystal element wherein a liquid crystal having a liquid crystal molecule is held between two substrates, and is intended for providing a liquid crystal element wherein a contrast is raised and a characteristic of a viewing angle is improved.

An information for aligning a liquid crystal molecule 103 in two or more directions phasedly or gradually by applying voltage is provided for two substrates 101 and 102. The information for aligning is provided for the liquid crystal molecule 103 through irregularities in a wave plate and rubbing formed on a substrate.

Selected figure: Fig. 2